

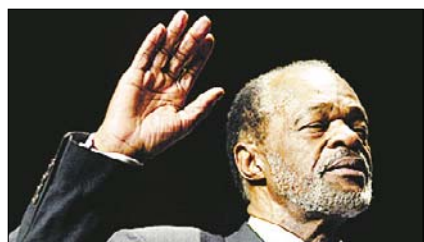
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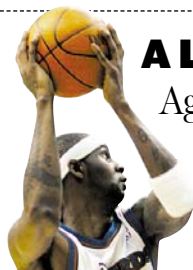
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TOO LITTLE, TOO LATE | REDSKINS EDGE VIKINGS, 21-18



ALWAYS NEXT YEAR: Redskins coach Joe Gibbs reacts to a penalty call during Sunday's 21-18 win over the Minnesota Vikings. The victory was little consolation for a team that went 6-10 despite the hall-of-fame coach's much-heralded return. ♣ **Joe's woes:** Gibbs sets sights on off-season moves | **Page 11**

From Rescue to Recovery

Crews focus on aid as hope of finding live victims dwindles

BANDA ACEH, INDONESIA | A Sumatran fisherman was discovered barely alive under his beached boat Sunday — the first survivor found in three days. But with tens of thousands still missing in crushed seaside settlements and in the flotsam washing the shores of the Indian Ocean, rescuers turned full attention to getting food and water to the living. Aid agencies said the death toll was expected to hit 150,000.

The discovery of 24-year-old Tengku Sofyan, who could barely speak and was badly dehydrated, came as relief efforts accelerated

across the southern Asian destruction zone. He was sent to a hospital in Banda Aceh, on the northern tip of Sumatra, the hardest hit region, where an estimated 100,000 people died when the most powerful earthquake in four decades ripped a fault line beneath the sea bed 100 miles off shore. The tsunami it spawned turned the world upside down for people as far away as Somalia, 3,000 miles away on the east coast of Africa.

With rescue teams focused on Sumatra,

U.S. military helicopters flew in biscuits, energy drinks and instant noodles to homeless villagers. The operation was part of a \$2 billion global relief effort announced as international donors began assembling for a conference in the Indonesian capital, Jakarta, on Thursday.

After a week of digging through rubble, rescue workers said finding more of the missing alive now bordered on hoping for miracles.

"If you survived the earthquake, you probably were killed by tsunami," said Lamsar Sipahutar, the head of the search team in Indonesia. LELY T. DJUHARI (AP)

♣ **U.S. relief:** Ahead of his trip to Asia on Monday, Secretary of State Colin Powell defends U.S. aid efforts | **Page 3**

PARKING | Curb Your Enthusiasm There's a code of urban etiquette on Boston's often snowy streets: You shovel a parking space and it's yours. But this year, the city is warning residents that it will not tolerate the garbage cans, chairs, boxes and Christmas trees put out



to reserve parking spaces. Mayor Tom Menino is giving residents 48 hours after a snow emergency ends to remove their placeholders. After that, sanitation workers will haul the junk away. Menino said it's a matter of safety and civility. (AP) **EyeOpeners** | **Page 2**

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ACCIDENTS

Gee, I Hope I Get One

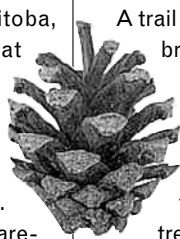
Putnam, Tenn., emergency personnel and the Upper Cumberland Development District are hoping a new program will encourage more drivers to wear their seat belts, the Herald-Citizen reported Friday. They're

teaming up with businesses to provide free T-shirts to drivers who, because of wearing a seat belt, suffer only minor injuries in a car accident. When paramedics respond to a wreck, they'll ask if those in the car were wearing seat belts, said paramedic Lisa Phy said. If they were and were only slightly injured, they'll get a T-shirt. (EXPRESS)

THEFT

Take the Pine, Do the Time

It didn't take Winnipeg, Manitoba, police long to solve the great Christmas tree heist — a trail of pine cones from the scene of the crime led straight to a suspect's living room. Someone cut down an 18-foot blue spruce Dec. 23 from in front of apartment caretaker Cindy Peterson's building, she said Wednesday. The tree was sawed



off about six feet up, Peterson noticed after a neighbor pointed out the stump. The two found a small cedar tree discarded in favor of the larger spruce.

A trail of pine cones, needles and broken limbs led directly to a residence across the street. Police questioned the 22-year-old occupant, who told them he'd bought the tree from a door-to-door tree salesman for \$5. He was charged with possession of stolen goods. (AP)



JEB WALLACE-BRODEUR/AP

WEATHER

Cold Mountain

Good things come in freeze, for ice climbers who scaled steep ice sheets on the flanks of Mt. Pisgah in Westmore, Vt., Saturday. Wet weather and cold temperatures have resulted in good ice climbing conditions in the area, which features numerous climbs high above Lake Willoughby. (AP)

ART

Pork or Porn?

A mural of pigs painted on the side of a Snohomish, Wash., barbecue restaurant is too spicy for officials. The city denied a permit to Janelle and Steve Carpenter, owners of the BBQ Shack, and the painting has been veiled behind a tarp since the restaurant opened last month. The mural features five pigs as unwilling participants in meal preparation. One is ready to be grilled as another attempts escape in a hot air balloon. The remaining three entice drivers to stop. In October, Janelle Carpenter said, the City Council told her she wouldn't need a permit to paint the building's exterior. So began the \$3,500 painting of unclothed pigs. But as the painting neared completion, Carpenter said, she was told that while painting the building was fine, painting pigs or other objects constitutes a mural, requiring a permit. She said the city's Design Review Board objected because naked pigs might lead to paintings of naked people. (AP)



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FEATURED CREATURES: The Eastern tiger salamander and painted turtle have won Illinois' online election for state amphibian and reptile, officials said Saturday. If adopted by the state Legislature, they will join 17 other state symbols.



Nation

In Brief

NEW BEDFORD, MASS.

Five Fishermen Lost at Sea Mourned at Memorial

Five fishermen lost when their boat capsized in a storm were honored Sunday at a memorial service where some questioned whether fishing regulations had put them at risk. About 300 friends, family and politicians, including Sen. Edward Kennedy, filled the 173-year-old Seamen's Bethel in New Bedford, home port to 280 fishing vessels. The Dec. 20 loss of the boat Northern Edge was the worst loss of life aboard a single vessel at sea in New England since 1991. (AP)

ST. PETERSBURG, FLA.

Deepest U.S. Reef Identified

Marine researchers have discovered the deepest coral reef ever found in the United States in about 250 feet of water off the Florida coast. The discovery in the Gulf of Mexico was announced last month by the U.S. Geological Survey. It was tentatively identified as a coral reef in 1999. But it took more years of research to confirm it as a living reef. (AP)

EL DORADO, ARK.

Officials Evacuate Part Of Town After Fire at Plant

A fire at a hazardous waste incineration plant forced the evacuation of about a quarter of the city's 23,000 residents Sunday, officials said. No injuries were reported and officials were checking air quality as smoke rose from the plant in southern Arkansas. (AP)

Powell Defends Crisis Aid

Chief diplomat backs U.S. tsunami response ahead of trip to Asia

WASHINGTON | Ahead of his first-hand look at the tsunami's devastation, Secretary of State Colin Powell said Sunday the United States has responded appropriately to what he called one of the world's greatest catastrophes.

Powell, whose Asia trip includes stops in Thailand, Indonesia and perhaps Sri Lanka, defended the Bush administration against criticism it reacted slowly to the crisis with an initial pledge of \$35 million, since increased to \$350 million.

"We have nothing to be embarrassed about. Our response scaled up as the scope of the disaster scaled up," he said.

"We are going to be meeting with the countries in the region and international organizations that are at work in the region to see what more we can do to assist with this relief effort. It is one of the most massive relief efforts ever mounted in response to one of the worst catastrophes the world has ever seen," Powell told NBC's "Meet the Press."

Powell's delegation includes



Powell

Florida Gov. Jeb Bush, Andrew Natsios, administrator for the U.S. Agency for International Development, and Mike Brown, director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

Powell said he will participate in a meeting Thursday in Jakarta, Indonesia, of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations to develop a strategy to help with relief efforts.

"The question right now is not money. There is a lot of money available. The question is how do we use that money, not only for immediate relief, but for long-term reconstruction," Powell said on CBS' "Face the Nation." ANNE GEARAN (AP)

CABINET MOVES

More developments from the Sunday news talk shows:

→ **Democratic Sen. Joe Lieberman** said Sunday he is not interested in becoming President Bush's new national intelligence director or homeland security chief, shooting down speculation he might be under consideration for those jobs. "I'm not. I appreciate the floating. It's a quadrennial game here in Washington when a new administration takes shape," Lieberman told ABC's "This Week." Lieberman, who was a Democratic vice presidential nominee in 2000, was a leading negotiator in writing the law that created a national intelligence director. (AP)

SOUTH CAROLINA | WINTER'S BREAK



BEACH TIME: Two people take advantage of warm weather in Hilton Head Island, S.C., on Sunday, part of a blast of unseasonably high temperatures.

US Airways Averts Repeat of Debacle

PHILADELPHIA | More than 100 US Airways executives and other employees volunteered to serve coffee and snacks, sort and move bags and help passengers find their way Sunday at Philadelphia International Airport to try to avoid a repeat of the bankrupt carrier's Christmas weekend debacle.

The airline reported no problems by late Sunday afternoon, when about half the day's expected 38,000 passengers had boarded their flights or claimed their bags. The volume was comparable with the Christmas and Thanksgiving travel peaks.



A traveler enjoys free coffee courtesy of US Airways at a Philadelphia airport.

Around Christmas weekend, hundreds of flights were canceled and thousands of bags piled up in what the airline's chief executive, Bruce Lakefield, called an "operational meltdown" that stranded holiday travelers and prompted a federal investigation into the large number of problems. (AP)

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Religious Funding Detailed

Organizations labeled 'faith-based' received more than \$1B in '03

WASHINGTON | The government gave more than \$1 billion in 2003 to organizations it considers "faith-based," with some going to programs where prayer and spiritual guidance are central and some to organizations that do not consider themselves religious at all.

Many of these groups have entirely secular missions and some organizations were surprised to find their names on a list of faith-based groups provided to The Associated Press by the White House.

Other grant recipients are religious, offering social service programs that the government may have deemed too religious to receive money before President Bush took office.

All told, faith-based organizations were awarded \$1.17 billion in 2003.

Bush came to office promising to open government's checkbook to religious groups that provide social services. Often, Bush says, religious groups do a better job serving the poor.

The grants on the White House list were not specifically targeted to religious organizations. Rather, the list includes all groups believed to be faith-based that won competitive federal grants open to all applicants. LAURA MECKLER (AP)



Don Strauch, head of the "faith-based" TMM Family Services in Tucson, Ariz., received \$25,000 for housing programs.

NEW JERSEY | FIGHTING SPIRIT



BATTLE LINES: Re-enactors dressed as American revolutionary forces march in Trenton, N.J., on Sunday during a recreation of the historic first Battle of Trenton, which pitted American fighters, led by General George Washington, against Hessian and British troops on Dec. 26, 1776.

Blog Readership Rising, Study Finds

NEW YORK | Readership of online journals known as blogs grew significantly in 2004, driven by increased awareness of them during the election and other news events, according to a study released Sunday.

Twenty-seven percent of online adults in the United States said in November they read blogs, compared with 17 percent in a February survey by the Pew Internet and American Life Project.

Time magazine even named its first Blog of the Year, crediting the Power Line blog created by three lawyers for challenging the media and questioning the memos behind a "60 Minutes" report on President Bush's National Guard service.

Though blog readership jumped, the percentage of those who write blogs grew only slightly — to 7 percent in November, up from 5 percent early in the year. ANICK JESDANUN (AP)

Calif. Democrat Matsui Dies at 63

BETHESDA, MD. | Democratic Rep. Bob Matsui of California, who spent time in an internment camp for Japanese-Americans as an infant during World War II and went on to serve 26 years in Congress, has died of complications from a rare disease called Milo Dysplastic Disorder, his family said Sunday.



Matsui

Matsui, 63, was recently re-elected with ease to his 14th term in Congress. His death will trigger a special election for a new representative in his Sacramento-area district. (AP)

Today in The Washington Post

Back on the Hill: The 109th Congress, which convenes Tuesday, faces two lurking, potentially explosive issues — Supreme Court choices and Social Security. | [Page A1](#)

Deep Thoughts: New research is uncovering evidence that meditation gives the brain a charge and can help practitioners achieve new levels of awareness. | [A Section](#)

Opening Up: Long known for its legendary secrecy, the National Security Agency is starting to play a more prominent and visible role in the Washington area. | [Page A1](#)

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World



MONEY MENDING: Turkey launched a new currency Saturday by dropping six zeros from the old one, a sign of progress in its fight with inflation. The old currency boasted the world's largest banknote — 20,000,000 lira, worth about \$15.

U.S. Ferries Help to Tsunami Victims

Supplies flown from one flattened town to next

ABOARD THE USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN | One of the largest U.S. military relief operations in history helped speed the pace of aid to desperate victims of Asia's tsunami disaster Sunday, delivering supplies to survivors in severe need of food and water.

American helicopters carried water, biscuits and other bare necessities to ravaged Indonesian communities. The arrival of U.S. warships and helicopters also offered a glimpse of the scope of devastation from the Dec. 26 calamity.

"There is nothing left to speak of," said Lt. Cmdr. Jeff Vorce, among the helicopter pilots flying from the USS Abraham Lincoln to Sumatra.

The giant aircraft carrier and four other Navy vessels, crewed by more

than 6,500 sailors and Marines, moved into position Saturday off Indonesia to launch one of the largest U.S. military operations in southern Asia since the Vietnam War.

The scene for some 70 miles down the shoreline from the Aceh provincial capital, Banda Aceh, was that of a skeleton coast. Villages were obliterated. Thousands of rice paddies had been peeled away, replaced by fetid swamps and sea slime.

The aid deliveries were a mere drop in an ocean of need — but priceless nonetheless, said Indonesian military spokesman Ahmad Yani Basuki. "They've helped us reach places we have not had the time, or manpower, or equipment to go to," said Basuki. **DENIS D. GRAY (AP)**



Crewmen from the USS Abraham Lincoln load relief supplies onto a U.S. Navy helicopter at Banda Aceh airport for a sortie to tsunami victims on Sunday.

In Brief

AFGHANISTAN

U.S. Soldier, Ex-Militia Leader Reportedly Die in Shootout

A U.S. soldier and a former Afghan militia leader were killed Sunday when American troops clashed with gunmen while searching the leader's compound in western Afghanistan, U.S. and Afghan officials said. The military did not identify the soldier or dead Afghan. The provincial police chief said Mullah Dost, a former militia leader, was killed in the pre-dawn shootout. **(AP)**

BALKANS

Mesic Fails to Get Majority in Croatia Vote, Forcing Runoff

Croatia's incumbent, pro-Western president Stipe Mesic, failed to win an outright first-round victory in the presidential election on Sunday. Mesic had 49.03 percent of the votes, less than 1 percent short of an outright majority. Jadranka Kosor, a minister in the ruling conservative-led Cabinet, was trailing far behind with 20.18 percent. A runoff is to be held on Jan. 16. **(AP)**

PERU

Followers of Dissident Major Ambush Police Convoy, Kill 4

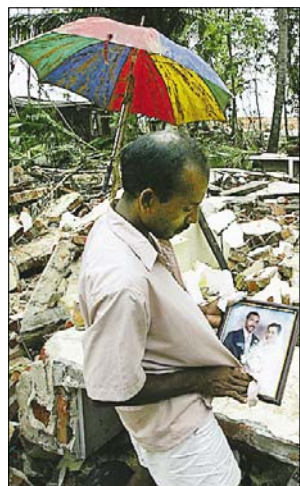
Gunmen who seized a police station in remote southern Peru ambushed a police vehicle responding to the scene Sunday, killing four officers, hospital officials said. The station in Andahuaylas was seized Saturday by followers of Antauro Humala, a retired army major who seeks to establish an indigenous movement modeled on the ancient Incan Empire. President Alejandro Toledo declared a 30-day state of emergency in the province. **(AP)**

MIDEAST

Abbas Tells Militants to Halt Attacks as Troops Enter Gaza

Mahmoud Abbas, the leading candidate for Palestinian president, called on militants Sunday to stop firing rockets at Israel, as Israeli tanks and troops massed in northern Gaza. "Don't let your actions be used as an additional pretext and excuse for them to fight us," Abbas said. Israel sent forces into northern Gaza on Sunday after mortars and rockets wounded several Israelis. **(AP)**

VICTIMS | HOMELESS



CLEAN-UP: Sumith Laland examines his belongings as he stands amid the ruins of his house in Kathaluwa, Sri Lanka.

In Sri Lanka, the Parents Refuse to Give Up Hope

NAVALADY BEACH, SRI LANKA | As dawn breaks over Sri Lanka's coast, dozens of parents come to the beach where huge waves seized their children a week ago.

"They believe their kids are alive and the sea will return them — one day," UNICEF chief Carol Bellamy said on Sunday, after touring this island country's tsunami-devastated shore.

Children accounted for a staggering 40 percent, or 12,000, of Sri Lanka's death total of 30,000, officials said. But without bodies to mourn over, many parents find it hard to believe their children are

dead. Some children were buried in mass graves, before parents were told. Many were swept out to sea. Others may still await discovery in some of the island's 800 refugee centers.

Day after day since the tsunami struck Dec. 26, parents come at dawn and wander the beach in the devastated districts of Ampara and Batticaloa.

"They don't talk to anyone. They stay for an hour or two and then go back," said N. Wijewickrema, the Batticaloa police superintendent. "They return the next day," he told Bellamy. **DILIP GANGULY (AP)**

OTHER DEVELOPMENTS

→ U.N. humanitarian chief

Jan Egeland said more aid was getting to survivors, but there were still problems helping those in Indonesia, especially Sumatra's Aceh province.

→ Thai Prime Minister

Thaksin Shinawatra visited Phuket island on Sunday, hoping to prop up a tourism industry that is critical to the country's economy and pledging to set up a tsunami early warning system.

→ **Sri Lanka's military** and the Tamil Tiger rebels — now observing a fragile cease-fire — accused each other on Sunday of burning down a camp housing more than 60 tsunami-affected ethnic minority Tamil families in the country's north. **(AP)**

Report: Girl's Tsunami Know-How Saved Lives

LONDON | A British schoolgirl who recognized the signs of a coming tsunami thanks to a recent geography lesson saved her family and some 100 other tourists at a Thai beach, a British newspaper reported.

Tilly Smith, 10, realized they were in danger when she saw the

tide suddenly rush out — an indication earthquake-driven tidal waves are only minutes away — and told her mother, The Sun reported in its Saturday edition.

Her parents, Penny and Colin Smith, warned nearby vacationers and staff at their hotel in Phuket, and the hotel swiftly evacuated

Maikhao beach, minutes before the devastating waves struck, the newspaper said. The Sun reported that the beach was one of only a few in Phuket where no one was killed or seriously hurt.

Tilly learned about tsunamis in a lesson with a geography teacher at a private school in Oxshott. **(AP)**

HEARSAY | LIFESAVER

"That dog grabbed me by the collar of my shirt. He dragged me out."

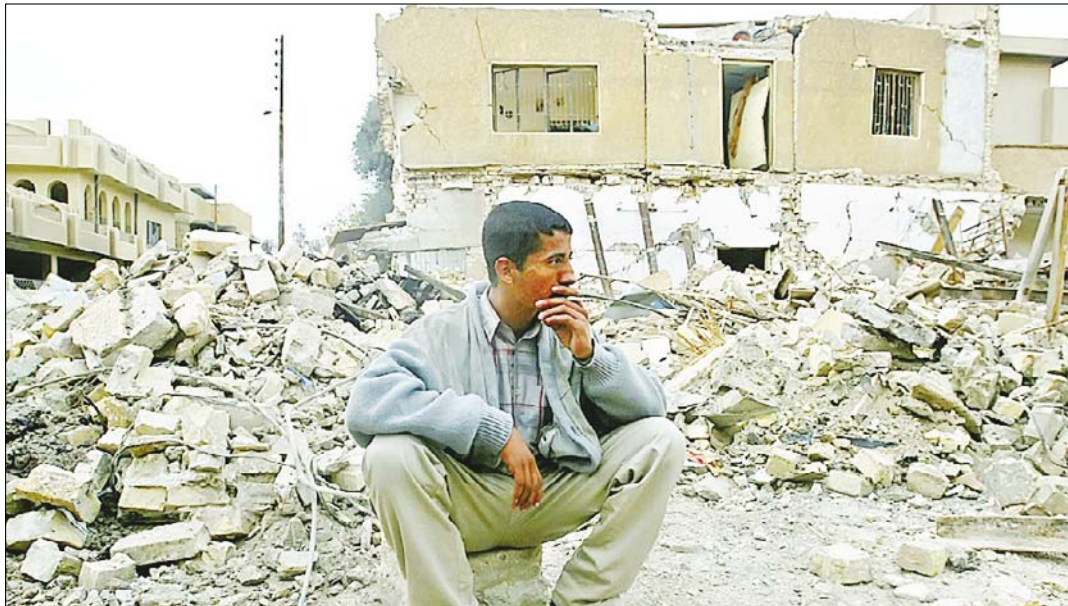
— **DINAKARAN, 7, OF CHINNAKALAPET, INDIA** DESCRIBING SUNDAY HOW HIS DOG, SELVA-KUMAR, DRAGGED HIM OUT OF HIS HUT AND NIPPED AND NUGGED HIM, DOING EVERYTHING IN HIS CANINE POWER TO GET HIM UP A HILL, AWAY FROM THE COLOSSAL WAVES

GREAT FRAMES: Comic book publisher Marvel is donating almost 300,000 vintage comics to the National Center for Comic Books and Images in Angoulême, France, to arrive by the end of this year.



World

IRAQ | RETURN TO FALLUJAH



IN RUINS: An Iraqi youth smokes a cigarette outside his flattened house in the western city of Fallujah on Sunday. Iraqi civilians continue to return to Fallujah, even though U.S. forces are still fighting insurgents in parts of the Sunni city.

Bomber Kills 18 Guardsmen

Iraqi security forces in insurgents' crosshairs

BAGHDAD | Insurgents exposed the vulnerability of Iraq's security forces again Sunday, killing at least 22 National Guardsmen and their driver, plus 10 others in separate attacks, with elections just weeks away.

Also, the U.S. military sent new forces to counter the threat in Mosul, center of a worrying rise in car bombings and raids in recent weeks.

The worst attack on Sunday

occurred north of Baghdad in Balad when a suicide bomber detonated his explosives-laden vehicle next to a bus carrying Iraqi National Guard troops. Police Lt. Haidar Karar said 18 guardsmen and the driver were killed in the initial blast and four more guardsmen died of their wounds later.

It was the deadliest assault on Iraqi security forces since October, when insurgents gunned down

about 50 new National Guardsmen at a fake checkpoint.

Also Sunday, a car bomb struck a U.S. Task Force Baghdad patrol southwest of the capital, wounding two soldiers, the military said.

Several other slayings were reported Sunday, including that of a National Guardsman south of Kirkuk, officials said. Insurgents also killed four policemen who were on patrol in Samarra, 60 miles north of Baghdad, the military said. NICK WADHAMS (AP)

Funerals, Protests After Fire at Club in Argentina

BUENOS AIRES | Mourning families on Sunday buried victims of the nightclub fire that killed at least 188 people and injured more than 700, while Buenos Aires' public security chief resigned in the furor following revelations that some of the packed club's emergency exits were padlocked shut.

The funerals came before a pot-banging protest as irate Buenos Aires residents demanded a full accounting for Thursday's calamity.

About 4,000 people, mostly teens, were inside the club for an Argentine rock band's concert when the fire broke out late Thursday. The building has a capacity for only 1,500 people, city officials said. The club's owner, Omar Chaban, was under arrest and expected appear in court on Monday.

Investigators are trying to determine whether a flare set off by an audience member ignited foam on the ceiling. BILL CORMIER (AP)

Kuwaiti Resigns, Won't Face Inquiry

KUWAIT CITY | Kuwait's information minister resigned Sunday, a day before he was due to face questions in Parliament by lawmakers who accuse him of failing to keep out Western ways.

Three lawmakers had accused Mohammed Abul-Hassan of failing to "protect" society's "values and morals" by allowing concerts by singers from two popular Lebanese music shows. They also say his ministry doesn't do enough to censor books, magazines and videos. (AP)

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The number of traffic fatalities in the District in 2004 — a 19-year low — compared with 69 in 2003. Police Chief Charles H. Ramsey attributes the drop to red light and speed cameras, first installed in 1999.

Barry Takes Oath of Office

Ex-D.C. mayor slams Williams' stadium deal

WASHINGTON | Former four-term mayor Marion Barry was at the head of the class as three new members of the D.C. Council were sworn in Sunday.

Barry, who represents Ward 8, Vincent Gray, and Kwame Brown were elected in November in what was seen by many as a statement of displeasure with the city government, especially in poorer communities east of the Anacostia River.

Carol Schwartz, Jack Evans, and Adrian Fenty, who were all re-elected in November, also took

the oath of office.

"We're going to make Ward 8 the No. 1 ward in the city," Barry said in his acceptance speech.

Barry said he planned to introduce several bills in his first 30 days in office, including a proposal for a mandatory 10-year sentence for anyone caught with a handgun, as well as health care reform legislation, a guaranteed summer jobs program and a plan for 10,000 new units of affordable housing.

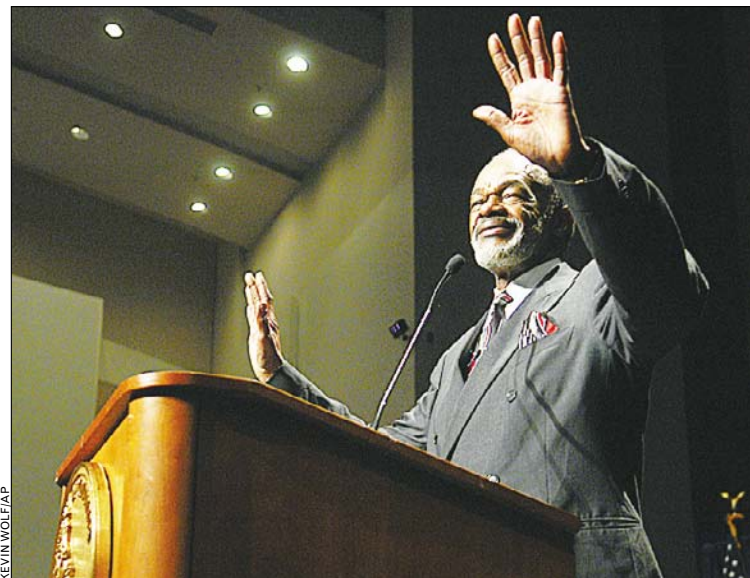
The former mayor also pledged to fight against any public funding for

a new baseball stadium, criticizing Mayor Anthony A. Williams' deal with Major League Baseball to bring the Expos to the city. "This is the biggest stickup since the great train robbery of Jesse James," Barry said.

Williams, who also heard jabs from Gray and Barry over closing the city's only public hospital, predicted that the stadium would be built.

Barry, who infamously was videotaped by the FBI smoking crack in 1990, resurrected his political career for a second time in 2004 by unseating incumbent Sandy Allen.

CANDACE SMITH (AP)



Former D.C. Mayor Marion Barry promised to make Ward 8 the "No. 1 Ward" in the District during remarks on Sunday after he officially joined the D.C. Council.

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RICHMOND, VA. | Former Virginia Gov. L. Douglas Wilder on Sunday took the oath of office to become Richmond's first popularly elected mayor in nearly six decades.

After being sworn in by his former law partner, 4th U.S. Circuit Court Judge Roger Gregory, Wilder said Richmond's residents are the city's greatest strength. "Starting today," he said, "you, the people, are in charge of Richmond."

Wilder, 73, said he hopes to give the people "a government that serves the people and not itself." Those who ignore his warning to end corruption, he said, do so at their own risk. (AP)

The Lotteries

Sunday, Jan. 2

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Evening Lucky Numbers	5-6-6
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Evening DC 4	3-7-8-3
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Hot Five	3-16-9-19-24
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Evening Pick 3	5-6-7
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SINCE YOU ASKED

Q Does it appear the escalators at Metro stations have been worse off since they went to private contractors a few years ago?

A Metro mechanics currently split the work on the system's roughly 580 escalators and 230 elevators with private contractors.

And escalators and elevators have throughout the system have actually improved in recent years, according to David Lacosse, head of the Office of Elevators and Escalators. He attributes the change both to the extra manpower from contractors and a program to

overhaul the system's "oldest and most troublesome" units.

Since the program began in 2000, escalator availability has grown by 5 percent, to an average of 93 percent, and elevator availability is up 2 percent, to 97 percent, he said. (These figures don't include units taken out of service for scheduled maintenance.) Escalators and elevators are also lasting longer than expected between breakdowns.

In 2005, Metro plans to overhaul 31 more escalators and 19 elevators. DANNY FREEDMAN (EXPRESS)

Looking for answers to your Metro-related questions? E-mail Danny.Freedman@readexpress.com.

Local

D.C. Archbishop Prays For Victims of Tsunamis

McCarrick set to visit Asian counties coping with natural disaster

WASHINGTON | The spiritual leader of the Washington area's 550,000 Roman Catholics prayed for the victims of the south Asian tsunamis during a special Mass at the Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle on Sunday.

Cardinal Theodore McCarrick, the archbishop of Washington, asked Catholics to remember those who died and to pray for the millions who were left homeless and the relief workers helping them.

"In my lifetime, I have ever seen anything quite this horrible," said McCarrick.

The cardinal will visit the disaster-stricken region to help with relief efforts. He was to leave Monday on a previously scheduled trip to Africa, then continue to India and Sri Lanka on Jan. 11. His primary duties will be to inspire relief workers and to pray with victims.



McCarrick

"I also want to encourage and support our folks with the relief agencies as they deal with overwhelming challenges in the wake of the tsunamis, and I pray that I might give witness to the people so they know that the Catholic Church in our country is concerned and wants to help," McCarrick said. (AP)



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Cents out of every \$1. That's what full-time female employees made in 2003 compared to their male counterparts, according to the National Association for Female Executives' new salary survey. That's down one cent from 2002.

Resolutions That Work

Four steps to career advancement in 2005

NEW YEAR'S | Many people make resolutions at this time of year, and plenty of them are career-related. Most resolutions are broken by Valentine's Day. To improve your chances this year, choose resolutions that are realistic, write them down and think about the small steps it will take to implement them. Even the grandest projects are really just a series of small ones. Here are four career-related resolutions to help get you started:

ASK FOR A RAISE. First, find out what you're worth. Online salary comparison sites are a good place to start. Then, think about the ways you bring value to the place where you work. The most successful argument for a raise is based on quantifi-

able evidence of what you contribute to the company's bottom line.

GO SOLO. Many people dream of starting their own businesses, but few pull it off. Increase your chances of success by writing a real business plan, one in which you crunch the numbers to see if your idea can be profitable. Local economic development agencies often sponsor free or inexpensive workshops on writing business plans. Take advantage of them, as well as a basic bookkeeping class or two.

FIND A NEW JOB. Most jobs are filled through networking, but that doesn't have to mean roving around conference rooms shaking hands with strangers. Instead, resolve to better keep in touch with

people you already know. Vow to send a friendly e-mail to at least one former colleague or classmate each week.

GET ORGANIZED. This is the mother of all resolutions, the key to pulling off any of the others. At its heart, organization is about simplicity. It means deciding on your priorities and making sure everything in your environment supports them. If you don't use something, toss it out. If you use something often, place it close at hand. These principles apply to electronic "objects" as well: Keep your e-mail address book in order. Time spent sorting aimlessly through e-mails for someone's contact info is time you don't have available to spend on something that matters to you. **MARY ELLEN SLAYTER (WASHINGTON POST)**

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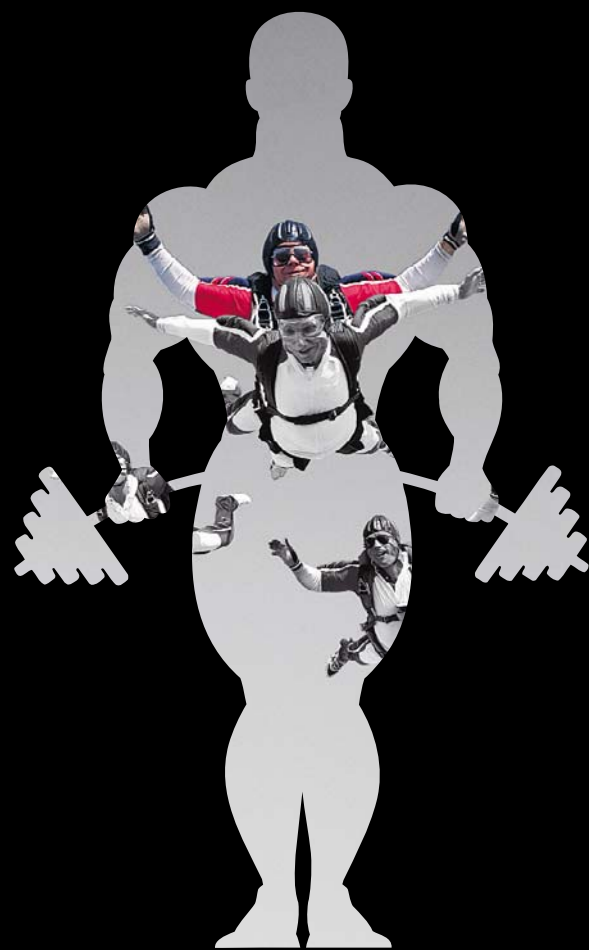
WHAT HE DOES: From household chemical leaks to possible weapons of mass destruction, Clark analyzes, identifies and contains harmful gunk, goo, gases and other substances. Most incidents are minor (or false alarms, such as white powder scares). He may need to do quick, temporary repairs to ventilate an area or plug a leak, sometimes with tools as low-tech as golf tees, putty and duct tape. "You're limited only by your imagination, really, on how to repair something," said Clark. Hazmat incidents only account for about 1 percent of his time, he said; the rest is spent leading a unit that rescues people from auto wrecks and burning buildings.



CLARE DUGGAN

WOULD YOU WANT HIS JOB? You may have the guts to get up close and personal with poison, but can you deal with 24-hour shifts in the firehouse?

HOW YOU CAN GET HIS JOB: First, you need to become a firefighter, which can be highly competitive (it took Clark four years to get hired). Training as an advanced EMT or paramedic can make you more desirable. Firefighters need a year of training and a year of probation before they can sign up to begin hazmat training. **DANNY FREEDMAN (EXPRESS)**



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Sports

Box Score

Redskins 21, Vikings 18

WASHINGTON	7	7	0	7
MINNESOTA	0	3	7	8

FIRST QUARTER

WAS: Cooley 6 pass from Ramsey (Chandler kick), 10:41

SECOND QUARTER

MIN: FG Andersen 23, 11:32

WAS: Royal 4 pass from Ramsey (Chandler kick), 1:17

THIRD QUARTER

MIN: Moss 28 pass from Culpepper (Andersen kick), 5:41

FOURTH QUARTER

WAS: Betts 1 run (Chandler kick), 10:41

MIN: Robinson 38 pass from Culpepper (O. Smith pass from Culpepper), :02

	Redskins	Vikings
First Downs	20	21
Total Net Yards	318	320
Rushes-Yards	31-117	18-52
Passing	201	268
Comp-Att-Int	17-26-1	27-44-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	3-15	4-31
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	0-0
Penalties-Yards	3-13	7-49
Time Of Possession	30:16	29:44

RUSHING

WASHINGTON: Betts 26-118, Coles 1-6

MINNESOTA: Culpepper 2-24, Bennett 8-19

PASSING

WASHINGTON: Ramsey 17-26-1-216

MINNESOTA: Culpepper 27-44-299

RECEIVING

WASHINGTON: Thrash 5-81, Jacobs 3-56, Coles 3-37, Cooley 3-24

MINNESOTA: Wiggins 7-58, Moss 5-66, Burleson 4-49, O. Smith 4-43, Robinson 3-51



Great expectations: Redskins fans are down about the 2004-5 season, but still believe Joe Gibbs will make Washington a winning team soon | **Today's Post, AI**

Redskins Sink the Vikings

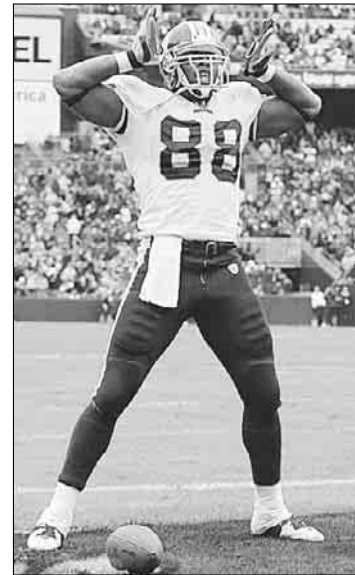
Washington ends its disappointing season with 21-18 win at home

REDSKINS | Maybe 2005 will be the year Joe Gibbs restores the Washington Redskins to glory.

In the last game of Gibbs' disappointing first season back in Washington, the Redskins gave a spirited performance at home in a 21-18 victory over the Minnesota Vikings on Sunday. The loss briefly jeopardized the Vikings' shot at making the playoffs, but a loss by the Carolina Panthers ensured Minnesota (8-8) will play at least one round in the postseason.

As for Gibbs and the Redskins, the focus will quickly turn to reshaping the team after a 6-10 season.

"I'm anxious to get started. The offseason will be a big time for us. I think it will be one of the most important six months of my coaching career, trying to help ourselves every way we can," Gibbs said. "I think the most important thing is that our guys went and finished



Robert Royal poses after scoring in the Redskins' 21-18 victory on Sunday.

Grading Gibbs

The best and worst from the game

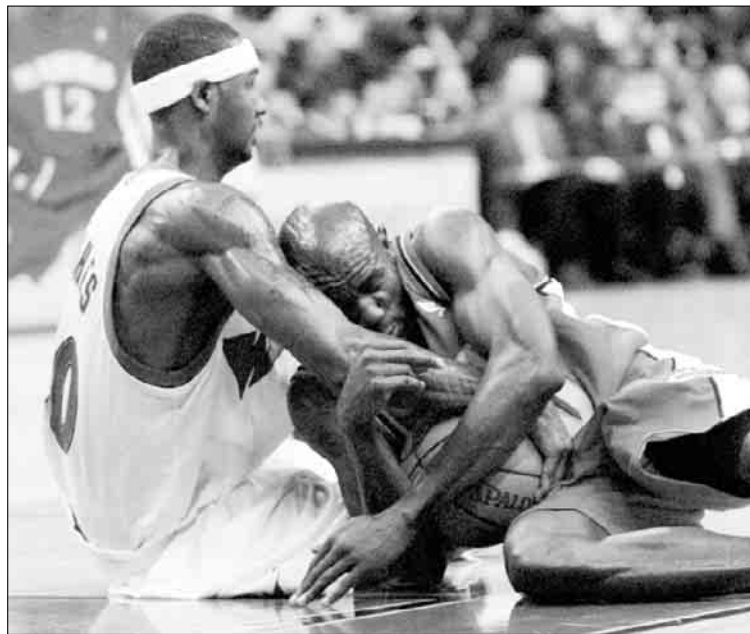


→ **BEST CALL:** Letting Patrick Ramsey throw deep to Taylor Jacobs. The play set up the winning touchdown.

→ **WORST CALL:** Hard to argue with the game plan on Sunday.

→ **BEST ADJUSTMENT:** Using more than two receivers often. It's as if the Redskins realized it's not 1983 anymore.

Grade: B: A SOLID WIN TO END A DISAPPOINTING SEASON



Washington shooting guard Larry Hughes, left, battles for the ball against Atlanta Hawks' Tony Delk during the third quarter of the Wizards' 104-101 win on Sunday.

Dixon Rescues Wizards

WIZARDS | Juan Dixon finds the hardest part about coming off the bench is never knowing when he'll play.

It didn't seem to hurt his game Sunday.

The reserve guard scored all 15 of his points in the fourth quarter, leading the Washington Wizards to a 104-101 victory over Atlanta for the Hawks' fourth straight loss.

"It's tough sitting there on the bench, but you have to stay prepared and be in the right mind-set," said Dixon, who scored 15 points in 14 minutes after playing only 33 min-

utes in the previous five games.

Larry Hughes led the Wizards with 26 points while Antawn Jamison added 19 and Gilbert Arenas 17 for Washington, which had lost its previous two games.

"Juan played great," Hughes said. "He came in aggressive and took good shots. He definitely was the difference."

Antoine Walker, who finished with 18 points, hit a 3-pointer to pull the Hawks to 102-101 with 3.1 seconds left. Jamison's two free throws with 2.2 seconds remaining sealed the victory. (AP)

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A NEW YARD STICK: Torrey Holt of the St. Louis Rams became the first player in NFL history with five straight 1,300-yard seasons when he caught a 44-yard touchdown pass near the end of the first half against the New York Jets on Sunday.

With Brother in Iraq, Tapp Plays On

Lineman leads Va. Tech into the Sugar Bowl

COLLEGE FOOTBALL | Charles Tapp II gave a dog tag to his little brother, a token to take along when he “goes to battle” for Virginia Tech.

But Darryl Tapp knows the stakes are much higher for his older sibling, an Air Force officer who was shipped to Iraq midway through the football season.

"I try to stay away from looking at the news or reading the papers," the younger Tapp said. "I don't want my mind to wander."

Darryl has done a good job of staying focused, leading the Hokies in sacks, tackles for losses and hurrying the quarterback. He was voted to the All-Atlantic Coast Conference team at defensive end, a major reason that No. 9 Virginia

Tech (10-2) won the league championship and a spot against third-ranked Auburn (12-0) in Monday night's Sugar Bowl.

The Tapps e-mail each other frequently, with Charles sending along pictures of himself and his unit. He also tries to call Darryl before and after every game — if nothing else, to be a reassuring voice on the other end of the line.

Before shipping out, Charles tried to comfort his brother by telling him that he wouldn't be serving on the front lines of the Iraqi war. He also gave a dog tag to Darryl, "so that he could see a physical reminder when he 'goes to battle on the field' that I am with him." PAUL NEWBERRY (AP)



Virginia Tech's Darryl Tapp led the Hokies in sacks this season, which will conclude with Monday's Sugar Bowl. Tapp's brother is currently stationed in Iraq.

Demon Deacons Blow Out Cavaliers

COLLEGE HOOPS | Chris Paul scored six of his 21 points during a 13-0 run early in the second half and No. 5 Wake Forest won its seventh straight game, 89-70 over No. 25 Virginia on Sunday.

The Demon Deacons (12-1, 1-0 Atlantic Coast Conference) led 44-39 before Jamaal Levy's putback sparked the big run in the second

half. Gray had a three-point play and a 3-pointer and Eric Williams finished it with a free throw, giving Wake Forest a 57-39 lead with 15:22 remaining.

The Cavaliers (8-2, 0-1) immediately scored nine straight points to close to 61-54 with 11:37 left, but Paul scored seven points in a 14-5 response by Wake Forest and it

cruised to the bruising victory.

Paul, who had nine assists, hit the floor hard after a foul with 1:42 left, and the sellout crowd jeered what it perceived as uneven officiating throughout. Several near skirmishes also developed on the court, but without any punches thrown.

The loss, which came in just the Cavs' second game since Dec. 8, was the 10th straight for Virginia in its conference opener. HANK KURZ JR. (AP)

TODAY'S TV LINEUP

COLLEGE FOOTBALL (8 P.M. ON ABC) Virginia Tech can eliminate most of the criticism of the BCS by handing No. 3 Auburn its first loss of the year during the Sugar Bowl in New Orleans.

NBA (8 P.M. ON NBA-TV) The Memphis Grizzlies try to climb into third place in the Southwest division by defeating the struggling Utah Jazz, off to an 11-19 start.

In Brief

WOMEN'S COLLEGE HOOPS

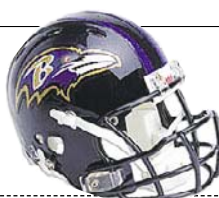
Carrie Mason had 16 points for Virginia Tech, which hung on to upset No. 17 Maryland 77-67 in the Hokies' Atlantic Coast Conference debut on Sunday. Maryland (10-2) whittled a 17 point-deficit to 67-65 with just over 2 minutes left. Shay Doron missed the front end of a 1-and-1 foul shot for Maryland, and Virginia Tech center Erin Gibson came right back with a basket to put the Hokies up by four. Kirby Copeland followed a 3-point play to build the lead to seven with 1:15 left. (AP)

NBA James Gets Protective Mask Following Face Injury

LeBron James was fitted with a mask to protect his broken left cheek and might play in the Cleveland Cavaliers' next game even though he only shot during practice Sunday. "I feel a lot better, there's still a little pain, but that's nothing," said James, injured by Houston center Dikembe Mutombo's elbow during a game Wednesday night. He did not accompany the Cavaliers on their trip Sunday to North Carolina for Monday night's game against the Charlotte Bobcats. (AP)

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HELPING HAND: Victims of the deadly tsunamis in Asia received a helping hand Sunday from the Baltimore Ravens, with more than \$76,000 raised



at Sunday's game. Officials collected \$51,475 from fans outside the stadium, and the Ravens chipped in another \$25,000 toward the cause.

Sports

8-8 Good Enough for The NFC

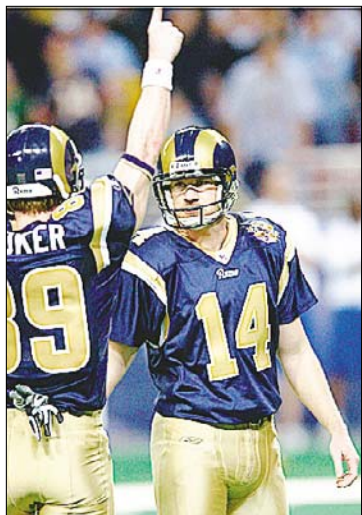
Rams, Vikings back into playoffs, Saints are left out in the cold

FOOTBALL | The Jets, Vikings and Rams made it into the NFL playoffs Sunday.

The way they played, they might be out in a week.

New York and Minnesota backed in, the Vikings losing seven of their last 10 for the second straight season. The Jets lost 32-29 in overtime at the Rams, and the Vikings lost 21-18 at the Redskins.

But the Jets, who went 5-6 after starting 5-0, got in as an AFC wild card. And Minnesota and St. Louis



Rams kicker Jeff Wilkins celebrates with his holder, Dane Looker, Sunday.

both qualified in the NFC at 8-8, the second time that's happened; Dallas and Detroit were .500 play-off teams in 1999.

It all meant that the NFC's hottest team got left out of the postseason. That was New Orleans, which won

NFL Scoreboard (Week 17)

SUNDAY, JAN. 2

Redskins 21, Vikings 18

Ravens 30, Dolphins 23

Saints 21, Panthers 18

Rams 32, Jets 29 (OT)

Patriots 21, 49ers 7

Bengals 38, Eagles 10

Browns 22, Texans 14

Steelers 29, Bills 24

Packers 31, Bears 14

Titans 24, Lions 19

Seahawks 28, Falcons 26

Cardinals 12, Bucs 7

Chargers 24, Chiefs 17

Broncos 33, Colts 14

Jaguars 13, Raiders 6

its last four games, including a 21-18 victory at the Carolina Panthers on Sunday to finish at 8-8.

The final open playoff spot in the AFC went to the Denver Broncos, which beat the Indianapolis Colts 33-14. (AP)

Ravens Miss Out On the Playoffs

Early losses haunt Baltimore on last day of the regular season

RAVENS | The Baltimore Ravens did their part to get into the playoffs.

It wasn't enough.

After beating the Miami Dolphins 30-23 Sunday, the Ravens had to wait until the late afternoon games ended to learn their post-season fate.

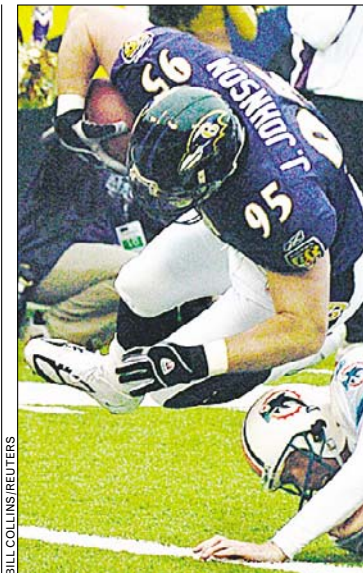
To secure the final AFC wild-card spot, Baltimore (9-7) needed to defeat Miami and have Buffalo lose to Pittsburgh, Denver lose to Indianapolis and Jacksonville either tie or lose to Oakland.

Buffalo lost while the Ravens played, and the other two games began soon after Baltimore walked off the field.

"Time for a little Chinese food and a little game-watching," Ravens coach Brian Billick said before hurrying home.

The late games probably ruined his meal. Denver won 33-14 to clinch the final wild-card spot and officially end Baltimore's season.

Losses earlier in the season to Cleveland, Kansas City and

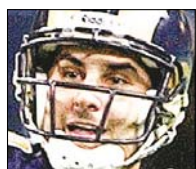


The Baltimore Ravens' Jarret Johnson dives in for a touchdown on Sunday.

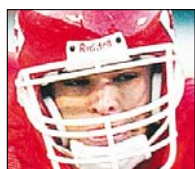
Cincinnati put the Ravens in a situation where they had to depend on others to reach the postseason. That same kind of inconsistent play was on display Sunday during a game that Baltimore should have won handily.

"If there is anybody to blame for the situation, it's definitely us," Ravens linebacker Terrell Suggs said. DAVID GINSBURG (AP)

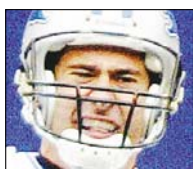
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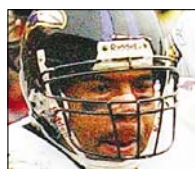
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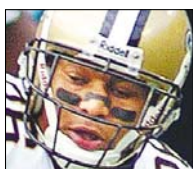
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Entertainment



JUST FOLKS: Moviegoers remained eager to "Meet the Fockers" last weekend. The week-and-a-half-old familial comedy has earned almost as much as its predecessor, "Meet the Parents," made during its entire run.



ROOM AT THE INN: Don Cheadle in "Hotel Rwanda" as Paul Rusesabagina, who saved more than 1,200 refugees' lives.

The Secret History

Don Cheadle helps tell the 'Hotel Rwanda' story

COMING TO LIGHT | Don Cheadle consistently delivers solid performances on both stage and screen, yet audiences may still struggle to remember his name. Perhaps it's because the 40-year-old Missourian often appears in supporting roles. It's not that he hasn't been offered lead roles; he's just very choosy about the ones he accepts.

Cheadle has a penchant for ensemble movies ("Traffic," "Ocean's Eleven," "Ocean's Twelve") where bigger stars tend to soak up the limelight. But his days of toiling in the background are about to end with his star-making turn in the war drama "Hotel Rwanda," opening Friday. He portrays Paul Rusesabagina, a courageous hotel

manager who saved more than 1,200 refugees from certain death during Rwanda's civil war.

During the spring of 1994, half of Rwanda's population was either killed or displaced. The media offered little coverage of the events and the world community did nothing to stop the massacre of 500,000 Tutsis by rival Hutu insurgents.

As depicted in the movie, a

small number of United Nations troops were sent in as peacekeepers but were not allowed to be peace-makers. (Nick Nolte and Joaquin Phoenix portray Westerners who try to help communicate the plight of the Rwandans to the world.)

Cheadle met with Rusesabagina, who now lives with his family in Belgium, prior to shooting the film in South Africa. The actor admits he had reservations about meeting the man he was going to portray, fearful of dredging up unpleasant and still fresh memories.

"I thought I was going to find a shell of a man who was just completely crushed, but it was quite the opposite," Cheadle said, smiling. "He loves to eat and drink and crack jokes. What I started to get from him was a real sense of joie de vivre, his joy of just being alive, which makes sense."

In addition to Rusesabagina, Cheadle met other survivors of the genocide, who played extras in the film. He recalls one particular expatriate who nearly broke down while on the set one day. Cheadle comforted her by listening to her account and suggested she could drop out of the shoot if she wanted. She responded, "No, I have to be here," he recalled.

"For a lot of them, doing the movie was a kind of therapy," he said. "It was very important that they be there and have the story told, that it get out, because they felt ignored by the world." ANGELA

DAWSON (ENTERTAINMENT NEWS WIRE)

Today's Top Stops

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Guitar Girl: Julie Lee

Nashville-based singer-songwriter Julie Lee is originally a product of Maryland. Her music, though, can't be categorized. Organic, artistic, thoughtful, heartfelt and melodic, Lee's songs are sweetly folkish but radio-ready.

Iota Club & Cafe, 2832 Wilson Blvd., Arlington; with Rod Picott, 8:30 p.m., 703-522-8340. (Clarendon)



Nashville artist Julie Lee is a singer, songwriter, sculptor and storyteller.

In His Own Time

Soulful piano man John Legend has a bright future ahead

MUSIC | The piano goes street, falls in love, then finds religion. And that's just on the first song of John Legend's debut album, "Get Lifted" (Sony Urban Music/Columbia).

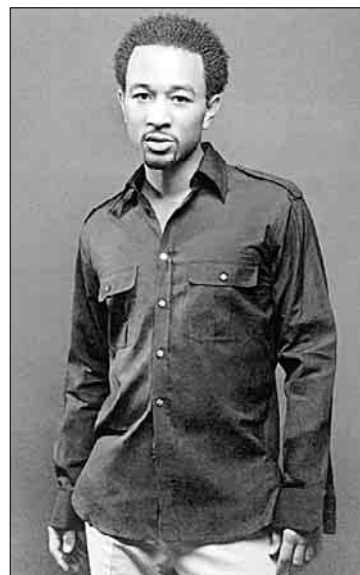
Legend applies his skills on the keys and background as a church choir director to blend R&B, gospel and hip-hop sensibilities in a perfect match with red-hot producer-rapper Kanye West.

The throwback soulman's clas-

sic voice, ear for melody and elegant singing style complement West, who discovered Legend, put him on hooks for rap artists like Dilated Peoples and Talib Kweli and produces four of the CD's 13 songs.

"Let's Get Lifted" opens the album and introduces the innovative sound. A plucked bass propels the beat while piano flourishes accent boastful yet smooth lyrics: "I'ma break the rules, gonna change the game."

Yes, the Ohio native seems to have inherited some of West's arrogance, but he's also got the wit. He



EBONY AND IVORY: Legend brings piano into the street and the church.

promises a lover she's "Number One" despite his cheating alongside a catchy Curtis Mayfield sample and hilarious rap from West. "Used to Love U" drips with bitterness.

Tension keeps things interesting through "I Can Change" (where Snoop Dogg pledges to "lay down the pimpin' and step my love game up"), as well as "Ordinary People," a musically simple ode to the complexity of relationships.

"Get Lifted" bogs down near the end, as Legend begins to build songs around clichés. But overall, this debut is a fresh, engaging journey into the realm of thoughtful soul.

Let the new-school piano man lead the way. RYAN

PEARSON (AP)

Life in Berlin: 'A Fine Day'

As part of its exhibition "Berlin Stories," the Goethe-Institut is holding Monday-night screenings of films about living in the vibrant German capital. Tonight it's director Thomas Arslan's "A Fine Day," which follows a young woman through 24 hours of ordinary life and shows how extraordinary life can be for Berlin's Turkish immigrants.

Goethe-Institut, 814 7th St. NW, 6:30 p.m., \$5; (202) 289-1200.

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FADE TO GREY: Late Paramount Pictures head Sherry Lansing left some very large pumps to fill, but word on the set is "Sopranos" executive producer and talent-agent chairman Brad Grey is the man to fill them, according to a report in the Wall Street Journal.

Entertainment

Mideason Rings in the New

PLAN B | Didn't get what you wanted for fall TV? Networks are ready with a raft of replacement shows. Stand by for ...:

NEW SCRIPTED SERIES

"Medium" (NBC, starts tonight). See page 16 for review.

"Committed" (NBC, Tuesday)

Another wan offer that won't save network comedy from its lull.

"Jonny Zero" (Fox, Jan. 14) An ex-con tries to go legit on the tough New York streets.

"Point Pleasant" (Fox, Jan. 19) A young woman (Elisabeth Harnois) learns her dad was the devil.

"Numb3rs" (CBS, Jan. 23). Rob

Morrow plays an FBI agent who recruits his math-whiz brother (David Krumholtz) to help him solve crimes in L.A.

NEW REALITY SHOWS

"The Road to Stardom With Missy Elliott" (UPN, Jan. 5) recruits the rap star and producer



'PLEASANT' DREAMS: "My daddy is Satan? I'm totally skipping the prom."

into choosing new talent.

"Wickedly Perfect" (CBS, Jan. 6) Martha wannabees compete at a Fairfield county, Conn. estate.

"The Will" (CBS, Jan. 8) A wealthy patriarch offers his fortune to those among his family and friends who avoid elimination.

"Supernanny" (ABC, Jan. 17) Fox's "Nanny 911" rip-off features Jo Frost straightening out bratty kids and indulgent parents. **ROGER CATLIN** (THE HARTFORD COURANT)

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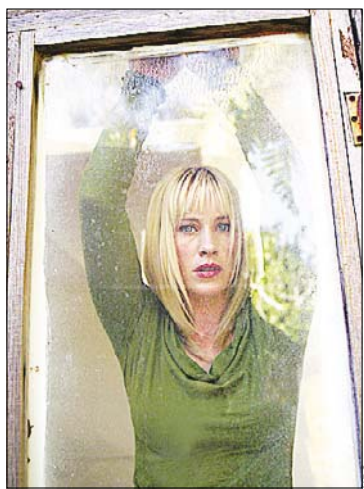


Stuck in the Middle

'Medium' begs for bad jokes, but it's a taut TV mystery

DEBUT | You're really asking for it when you call a new drama "Medium" (10 p.m., NBC) — you risk the wrath of critics tempted to describe it as "neither rare nor well done."

Patricia Arquette stars as Allison Dubois, a pretty mother of three girls who's married to Joe (Jake Weber), a nice-guy aerospace engineer. Allison also sees dead people. Whole crowds of them gather around her bed at night and haunt



her very detailed dreams.

“Medium” makes the most of the collision between the world of the supernatural and the “just the facts, ma’am” mentality of traditional police work. In one scene, Allison is invited to consult with a group of Texas Rangers. She’s met at the airport by a parade of SUV police cars, and the head of the rangers proceeds to interview her at a distance of at least 100 yards. The scene is both impressive and absurd, but ultimately effective.

In another episode made available for review, Allison and Joe must deal with their daughter's peculiar behavior at school; she has a reclusive attitude and an inability to make friends. Is she just a dreamy kid? Or is she "special," too? I'll never tell. KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

ON TV TONIGHT

GOODBYE, VISIBILITY!

Craig Ferguson officially replaces Craig Kilborn as the host of the **THE LATE LATE SHOW** (12:37 p.m., CBS) beginning tonight.

WRONG IN SO MANY WAYS

WHO'S YOUR DADDY? (8 p.m., Fox) Three days into 2005 and Fox finds a whole new way to be sick and creepy. A woman given up for adoption meets her biological father on this 90-minute spectacle hosted by Finola Hughes.

GET A HAIRCUT

EVERYBODY LOVES RAYMOND (9 p.m., CBS) Peter (Chris Elliot) needs romantic advice.

IT WAS INEVITABLE

LAS VEGAS (9 p.m., NBC) Duran Duran quest stars.



Duran rocks Las Vegas, as predicted.

BAD DAY IN A BAD TOWN

BAD DAY AT BLACK ROCK (6:30 p.m., TCM) A war vet (Spencer Tracy) uncovers a desert town's secret in this 1955 drama.

WHAT IS HE, TEN?

LISTEN UP (8:30 p.m., CBS) Tony stands up to a bully. KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

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LOCAL CHANNELS	WRC	(4)	News			NBC Nightly News		Access Hollywood		Fear Factor "Couples" (N)				Las Vegas (N)				Medium "Pilot" (Series Premiere) (N)		News			The Tonight Show		
	WTTG	(5)	The Simpsons		The Simpsons	Friends		Seinfeld		Who's Your Daddy (N)						That '70s Show		News		Friends			Drew Carey		
	WJLA	(7)	News		ABC Wld News	Wheel of Fortune		Jeopardy! (N)		College Football Nokia Sugar Bowl -- Auburn vs. Virginia Tech. From New Orleans. (S)						Live						News			
	WUSA	(9)	News		CBS News	USA Tonight		Ent. Tonight		Still Standing (N)		Listen Up (N)		Every-Raymond		Two/Half Men		CSI: Miami "Shootout" (N)		News			(.35) Late Show		
	WDCA	(20)	Girlfriends		Girlfriends	Malcolm-Mid.		Malcolm-Mid.		One on One (N)		Half & Half (N)		Girlfriends (N)		Second Time		That '70s Show		That '70s Show		Every-Raymond		Dharma & Greg	
	WMPT	(22)	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)		Business Rpt.		Direct Connection		Antiques Roadshow "St. Paul" (N)		Churchill Winston Churchill's early life through his fall from politics in 1931; his career in the 1930s.														
	WETA	(26)	BBC World News		Business Rpt.	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)		Antiques Roadshow "St. Paul" (N)		American Experience "Citizen King" (N)							(DVS)					Charlie Rose (N)			
	WHUT	(32)	Carib Nation		Uncommon	BBC World News		MoneyWise (N)		Globe Trekker "Ultimate India" (N)				Wide Angle				BBC World News		Tavis Smiley		Charlie Rose (N)			
WBDC	(50)	The Parkers		Steve Harvey	The Parkers		Steve Harvey		7th Heaven "Vote" (N)				Everwood "Shoot the Moon" (N)				Will & Grace		Just Shoot Me		Will & Grace		Blind Date		
BASIC CABLE	A&E		City Confidential			American Justice				Airline		Airline		Growing Up Gotti		Growing Up Gotti		Cold Case Files				Crossing Jordan "Devil May Care" (N)			
	Animal		The Crocodile Hunter			The Most Extreme "Builders" (N)				Pet Star (N)				Amazing Animal Videos				Animal Cops Houston				Pet Star			
	BET		106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live			BET.com Count				★ "3 Strikes" (2000, Comedy) Brian Hooks, N'Bushe Wright, Faizon Love.							Club Comic View				BET Nightly News				
	Bravo		(3:00) ★★★★★ "Gandhi" (1982)			The West Wing "Election Night" (N)				The West Wing (N) (Part 1 of 2)				The West Wing (N) (Part 2 of 2)				The West Wing "The Midterms" (N)				The West Wing "Election Night" (N)			
	Comedy		Crank Yankers		Reno 911!		The Daily Show		★ "Joe Dirt" (2001, Comedy) David Spade, Brittany Daniel.					South Park				Blue Collar TV		Reno 911!		The Daily Show			
	Court		NYPD Blue "Family Ties" (N)			Cops		Cops		The Investigators				Forensic Files		Forensic Files		Psychic Detect		I, Detective		House of Clues			
	Discovery		Monster Garage "Miata/Jet Car"			American Chopper "Leno Bike 1"				American Chopper				American Chopper								American Chopper			
	DISCH		Chicago Hope "A Guy and His Dog"			Trauma: Life in the ER				Impact: Stories of Survival				The Curse of the Elephant Man				When Anesthesia Fails				Impact: Stories of Survival			
	Disney		Even Stevens		Lizzie McGuire		Sister, Sister		That's So Raven		"Motocrossed" (2001, Adventure) Alana Austin, Mary-Margaret Humes.						Lizzie McGuire		Sister, Sister		Even Stevens				
	E!		Jackie Collins Presents			E! News (N)		Life Is Great			50 Most Outrageous TV Moments							Love Is in the Heir		Love Is in the Heir		Howard Stern			
	FX		Fear Factor			King of the Hill		King of the Hill		★ "Shallow Hal" (2001, Comedy) Gwyneth Paltrow, Jack Black, Jason Alexander.								★ "Shallow Hal" (2001) Gwyneth Paltrow, Jack Black.							
	HGTV		Wknd Warriors		Landscapers		Curb Appeal				Across America		Decorating Cents		Kitchen Trends		Sensible Chic		Designer Finals		Designer Finals		Design on a Dime		
	Family		7th Heaven "Anything You Want" (N)			Smallville "Exile" (N)				★ "Flipper" (1996, Adventure) Elijah Wood, Paul Hogan, Chelsea Field.								Whose Line?		Whose Line?		The 700 Club			
	History		Heavy Metal "The F-14" (N)			Modern Marvels "Frontline Reporting"				UFO Files				No Surrender: German and Japanese Kamikazes								Burma Bridge Busters			
	Lifetime		The Golden Girls		The Golden Girls		"Cruel Justice" (1999, Drama) A Martinez, Nicki Lynn Aycox.				★ "The Unsaid" (2001) Andy Garcia, Vincent Kartheiser. Premiere.											How Clean			
	MTV		The Real World		The Real World		The Real World		The Real World		MTV Cnns		MTV Cribs		R. Wld Chal.		R. Wld Chal.		Battle for Ozzfest				The Real World		
	NICK		Hey Arnold!		Rugrats		Jimmy Neutron		Fairly Oddparents		SpongeBob		Drake & Josh		Full House		Full House		Fresh Prince		The Cosby Show		Roseanne		
	SCI FI		Stargate SG-1 "Red Sky" (N)			Stargate SG-1 "Cold Lazarus" (N)				Stargate SG-1 "The Nox" (N)				Stargate SG-1 "Brief Candle" (N)				Stargate SG-1 Thor takes prisoners.				★ "Fortress 2: Re-Entry" (1999)			
	SPIKE		World's Wildest Police Videos			CSI: Crime Scene Investigation				CSI: Crime Scene Investigation				WWE Raw Scheduled: countdown to the Elimination Chamber Match.								(.05) World's Most Amazing Videos			
	TBS		Seinfeld		Seinfeld		Every-Raymond		Every-Raymond		Friends		Friends		Friends		Friends		Family Guy		Family Guy		"Fast Times at Ridgemont High"		
TLC		Clean Sweep			In a Fix Building a bedroom addition.				Amazing Medical Stories				Plastic Surgery Beverly Hills (N)				10 Years Younger		10 Years Younger		Amazing Medical Stories				
TNT		Charmed "A Knight to Remember" (N)			Law & Order "Mother's Day" (N)				Law & Order				Law & Order "Blaze" (N)				Law & Order "Shangri-La" (N)				Without a Trace				
USA		JAG "Legacy" (N) (Part 1 of 2)			The Biggest Loser				Law & Order: Special Victims Unit				★ ★ ★ "Jurassic Park" (1993) Sam Neill, Laura Dern. Cloned dinosaurs run amok at an island amusement park.				Plastic Surgery Obsessions (N)				Remaking: Vince Neil				
VHI		VH1 Goes Inside "Fear Factor" (N)			Remaking: Vince Neil				40 Greatest Reality Show Moments				Memorable reality occurrences.												
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	ESPN2		Series-Poker		NFL Films		NFL Live (Live)			Billiards: Women's U.S. Open				Billiards: Women's U.S. Open				Billiards: Women's U.S. Open				Billiards: Women's Trick Shot			
	CSN		The Sports List		SportsNite (Live)		Monday Nite Live (Live)							Pro View		Wizard's Mag.		SportsNite (Live)				ACC Live			
NEWS	CNN		Lou Dobbs Tonight			Anderson Cooper 360				Paula Zahn Now				Larry King Live				NewsNight With Aaron Brown				Lou Dobbs Tonight			
	FNC		Special Report (Live)			The Fox Report With Shepard Smith				The O'Reilly Factor (Live)				Hannity & Colmes (Live)				On the Record-Van Susteren				The O'Reilly Factor			
	MSNBC		The Abrams Report (Live)			Hardball (Live)				Countdown With Keith Olbermann				Deborah Norville Tonight (Live)				Scarborough Country (Live)				Hardball			
MOVIES	AMC		(5:45) ★ ★ "Volcano" (1997, Adventure) Tommy Lee Jones. 'PG-13'							★ ★ ★ "Carlito's Way" (1993, Drama) Al Pacino, Sean Penn. 'R'								(.15) ★ ★ ★ "Jackie Brown" (1997, Drama) Pam Grier. 'R' (N)							
	TCM		The Scarlet Coat		★ ★ ★ "Bad Day at Black Rock" (1955) Spencer Tracy.					★ ★ ★ "State Fair" (1945, Musical) Jeanne Crain. Premiere. 'NR'								★ ★ ★ "Oklahoma!" (1955, Musical) Gordon MacRae, Shirley Jones. 'G' (N)							
	HBO		Chasing Liberty		★ ★ "Johnny English" (2003) Rowan Atkinson. 'PG' (N)					Real Sports (N)				Deadwood "Deadwood" (N)				Deadwood "Deep Water" (N)			★ ★ ★ "Mystic River" (2003) 'R' (N)				
	MAX		★ ★ ★ "A Bronx Tale" (1993, Drama) Robert De Niro. 'R' (N)							★ ★ "Eurotrip" (2004) Michelle Trachtenberg. 'PG-13' (N)				MAX on Set				★ ★ ★ "The Firm" (1993, Drama) Tom Cruise, Gene Hackman. 'R' (N)							
	SHOW		(.15) ★ ★ ★ "Dirty Deeds" (2002) Bryan Brown. iTV. 'R' (N)							★ ★ ★ "While You Were Sleeping" (1995) Sandra Bullock. iTV. 'PG' (N)								★ ★ ★ "It Could Happen to You" (1994) Nicolas Cage.				(.45) Blind Horizon			
	TMC		(.15) ★ ★ ★ "Richard III" (1996, Drama) Ian McKellen. 'R' (N)							★ ★ "No Good Deed" (2002) Samuel L. Jackson. 'R'				(.45) ★ ★ "Extreme Ops" (2002, Action) Devon Sawa. 'PG-13' (N)								★ ★ Some Girl			
	STARZ!		(5:00) ★ ★ "How to Deal" (2003) (N)			(6:50) ★ ★ "Mona Lisa Smile" (2003, Drama) Julia Roberts. 'PG-13' (N)				★ ★ "My Baby's Daddy" (2004) Eddie Griffin. 'PG-13' (N)								★ ★ "Dysfunctional Family" (2003) 'R' (N)							
ENCORE		★ ★ "Moonlight Mile" (2002, Drama) Jake Gyllenhaal. 'PG-13' (N)							★ ★ "Fire Birds" (1990) Nicolas Cage. 'PG-13' (N)								★ ★ ★ "The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers" (2002, Fantasy) Elijah Wood. 'PG-13' (N)								

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Design

In an artisan's hands, the cold, grey material is a hot commodity

In Fu-Tung Cheng's hands, a formerly cold, gray, rough material of little aesthetic charm is transformed into surfaces smooth enough to lay your cheek on, into lavender and rust and celadon-colored counters that dip and curve into sinks and basins, into a critical element of home design.

Concrete, the stuff of cinder blocks, sidewalks and freeway overpasses, is moving into kitchens and bathrooms whose owners, such as Wendy DeCenzo of San Francisco, are "way, way past granite."

Artisans of concrete are finding an increasing demand for their work. In Los Angeles, James DeWulf of DeWulf Concrete said, "Every time I complete a job, I get five more referrals. There's something about concrete that draws you in. You just want to run your

hand across it."

Consumers looking to get creative are increasingly turning toward concrete. "People are looking for alternatives," said San Francisco designer Joanne Cannell. "Concrete can produce a more unique look. All counters don't have to be the same."

In former AOL Chief Executive Barry Schuler's Napa Valley kitchen, they're not. "I wanted it to be a piece of sculpture in and of itself," said Schuler of the 500-square-foot room, built with concrete, stainless steel, bamboo, zinc, granite

MATERIAL GUY: Fu-Tung Cheng inlays rocks in concrete.



PLAIN DRAIN: A Los Angeles home's sink made from a simple concrete base.

and cast polyurethane. "I smile every single day I'm in that kitchen, because it's like you're standing in a work of art."

But concrete isn't just for multi-millionaires. Cheng has published a book and instructional video that walk everyday folks through the process of pouring their own countertops. He also manufactures NeoMix, a line of concrete mixtures and mix-ins.

DeCenzo loosed Cheng on her 4,700-square-foot San Francisco penthouse, and the result is warm, deep, earthy-toned concrete floors and countertops. An oversize concrete hearth in the living room. A kitchen wrought with concrete.

Cheng makes creative use of other materials as well. He lays granite tiles upside-down. He cuts patterns into plaster as it dries. In DeCenzo's guest bathroom, faucets protrude from a concrete backsplash that looks as if it's covered with shattered glass, but the surface is smooth.

As DeCenzo puts it, "Cheng breaks all the rules." STEVEN BARRIE-ANTHONY (LOS ANGELES TIMES)

Pros and Concrete

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Google Nation

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Will future historians even find the remains of information from the Internet? Web sites die; data on discs begin deteriorating after 10 years; even our paper disintegrates at one of the fastest rates in history.

There's something called the Internet Archive that, I think, is designed to put all of human knowledge on the Web, and that includes old Web sites. I did a big story a few years ago about the problem of information getting lost, degrading, etc., and the issues of digital storage. It's a significant threat but I guess I assume that, yes, people will figure out a way to transfer the data from medium to medium so that it's not lost.

I miss card catalogs! Some of my favorite books I found while looking for something else. That said, it worries me how our youth don't know or can't know the pleasures of a hard-won search for information.

We hate the callow youth, don't we? Especially how easy it is for them to stay up late.

Yes I miss card catalogs too, though the best is just browsing

the shelves of a good library.

I'm a librarian and do reference work from time to time, using Google extensively — but Google isn't the only resource I use. Too many students use Google (and the Internet) as their first and only resource. And there's so much more information out there.

Some students apparently think that a Google search is the same thing as research. It's a great way to start.

When I submit my name to Google Images, it returns a picture of a man raking manure. And no, it's not me. With people checking out others on Google, I can't help but think that the manure man is hindering my dating.

Women like a guy who knows how to manure a garden. That's often near the top of their list of desirable qualities.

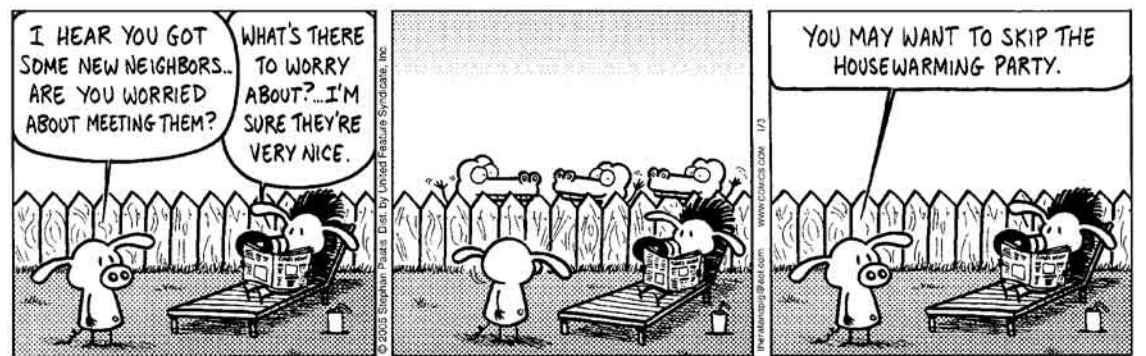
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Letters

Troubled by Iraq Photos

I WAS HORRIFIED when I looked inside last weekend's Express and, once again, saw the picture of a heroic American contractor's body hanging from the bridge in Fallujah

while crowds cheered below, simply titled "Boiling Over." However, I was even more disgusted when I read the blurb, titled "Shocking, Awful," to the left of the picture and realized that you were referring to the Iraqi detainees at Abu Ghraib.

It is painfully obvious to me, and hopefully to other readers, that your

paper is more concerned with the "shocking, awful" treatment of Iraqi insurgents than you are with the inhumane deaths of brave American men and women.

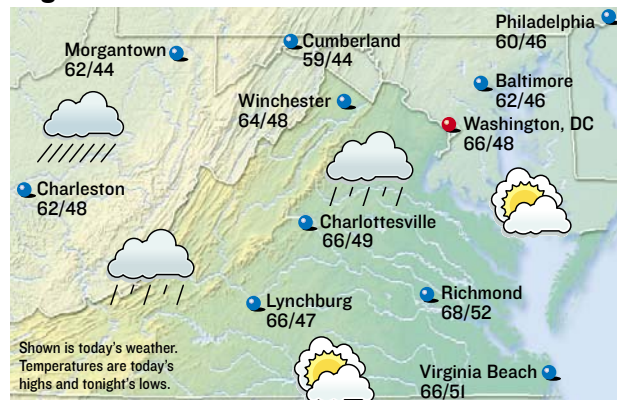
—J. JEFFREYS
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Normal month to date	0.20"
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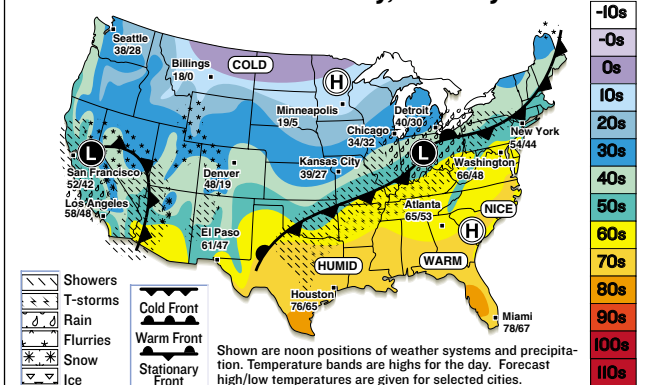
D.C. Metro: Today, variably cloudy, warmer, chance of a shower late. High 66. Wind southwest 8-16 mph. Tonight, maybe a shower early. Low 48.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise today	7:27 a.m.
Sunset tonight	4:59 p.m.
Moonrise today	none
Moonset today	11:51 a.m.



National Weather for Monday, January 3



National Cities

City	Today Hi/Low/W	Tues. Hi/Low/W
Atlanta	65/53/pc	66/53/pc
Boston	52/38/r	42/28/r
Chicago	34/32/i	36/26/i
Dallas	70/62/t	70/56/t
Denver	48/19/c	33/8/c
Honolulu	81/67/s	81/63/s
Los Angeles	58/48/r	56/44/sh
Miami	78/67/sh	80/67/s
New York City	54/44/r	48/38/r
Orlando	76/58/pc	78/60/pc
Seattle	38/28/s	38/26/s

World Cities

City	Today Hi/Low/W	Tues. Hi/Low/W
Amsterdam	42/37/c	44/36/c
Athens	50/34/pc	41/32/pc
Berlin	34/31/sn	40/34/sn
Buenos Aires	91/72/pc	90/70/s
Calgary	2/-10/pc	7/-10/pc
Dublin	48/40/c	45/31/pc
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LOOK out

People

GOODBYES

Rash of Exploding Cows Sure to Follow Last Column

DAVE BARRY said Sunday's column was his last — maybe. Barry, who has written humor columns for three decades, including 22 years at the Miami Herald, says he's holding out the possibility of a return. But for now, "I want to stop before I join the horde of people who think I used to be funnier." Barry says he will write occasional pieces, weighing in "from time to time if something really important happens, such as a cow exploding in a boat toilet." (AP)



Couldn't they just give her the money so she'll go away?



MARK J. TERRILL/AP



AP

ADVENTURES

Trunk Show

Venus Williams and **MARIA SHARAPOVA** rode elephants before playing an exhibition match in Chiang Mai, Thailand, as part of preparations for the Australian Open. "I would never imagine that I would ride an elephant in Thailand," she said. "We don't have things like this back home in California." Sharapova trained in the morning and then also hopped on the back of one of the giant animals in the afternoon. (AP)

JUSTICE

Smith's Lawyer Works Hard for Her Money

ANNA NICOLE SMITH's lawyer vowed to ask a federal appeals court to reconsider after it ruled that the former Playboy model is not entitled to \$88.5 million from her late husband, an oil tycoon who married her when

he was nearly 90. Howard K. Stern said Thursday he would appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court if necessary. A three-judge panel of the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that a Texas probate court's decision that J. Howard Marshall II's son was his sole heir should stand. The panel said the judge in California who ruled in Smith's favor in 2002 should never have heard the case. (AP)

UBIQUITY

Child Actor Shortage Yields Yet Another Lead Role for Dakota

DAKOTA FANNING is rumored to be starring in the film adaptation of "Charlotte's Web," to be shot in Australia. Production begins in late January and the film is slated for release in 2006, Agence France Presse reported. The book by E.B. White tells the story of Charlotte, a spider, and Wilbur, a pig. Fanning would play the part of Fern, the little girl who helps Charlotte save Wilbur from certain death. An animated version



FRED PROUSER/REUTERS

Hollywood has surrendered itself to the black hole of cute that is Dakota.

of the book was released in 1973; the new film, from Paramount Pictures, will be a mix of animation and live action. (AP)

ENGAGEMENTS

Here's the Ring. But Don't Wear It Just Quite Yet, OK?

CARMELO ANTHONY finally has some good news about his personal life: He's engaged to MTV veejay La La Vasquez. The Denver Nuggets star said he made his proposal, accompanied by a nine-carat ring, on Christmas Day. The engagement follows a series of unflattering news

about Anthony. Among his travails: He was charged with misdemeanor drug possession in October (the charge was dropped). Anthony denied the engagement as recently as Monday. On Thursday, he explained that he "wasn't ready for everyone to know." (AP)



CALLINGS

Travolta Humbly Names Himself 'Mirror of Humanity'

With white hair and a drawn, beaten face, **JOHN TRAVOLTA** is almost unrecognizable in his new film, "A Love Song for Bobby Long." Travolta said he worried that if he didn't look that way, he wouldn't be believable, "and that's more frightening to an actor than looking good." The actor said he doesn't have to live the experiences of his characters to be credible on the screen. "I was never a heroin addict or a hit man, either, do you



"Good" Travolta



"Bad" Travolta

know what I mean," the 50-year-old actor recently told reporters. "In 'Pulp Fiction,' I had my obligation there to portray that character; if you're a mirror of humanity, that's your job, and I'm doing it." (AP)

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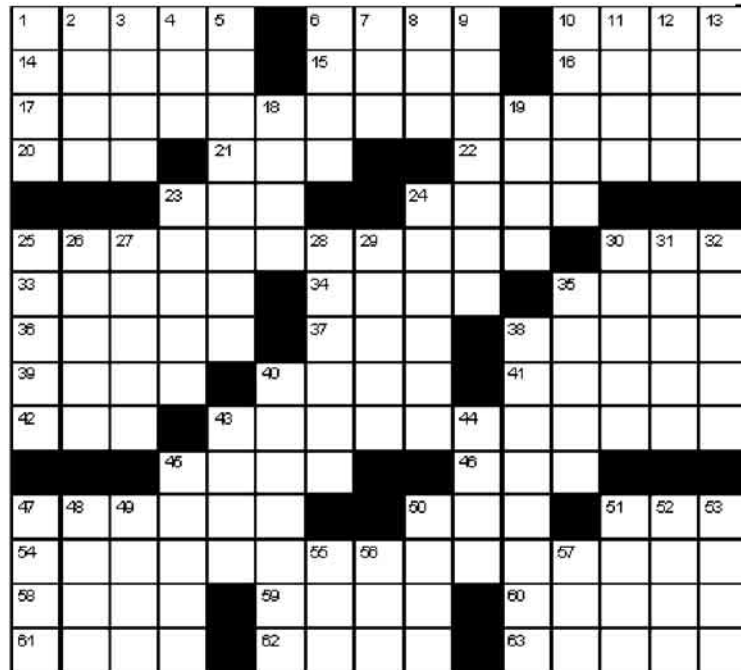
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Yesterday's Solution



Horoscope

By Stella Wilder

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You may find you've gotten yourself into something unwittingly which will demand more of you than you're willing to give. Don't be rash.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) You'll inspire others to greater accomplishments if you stick to your current path and follow through on all the plans you've recently made and implemented.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) You may get caught up in something that is bigger than you are — and indeed, have your

wits about you in order to prevail.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Be true to yourself and you'll have no trouble being true to others. It's not essential for you to wear your heart on your sleeve, either.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You are solid, stable, dependable, and eager to please. Now is the time to attempt what no one has been able to accomplish.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You'll win the day, provided you take advantage of one or two hidden opportunities before anyone else recognizes them for what they are.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Keep your attitudes and expectations in check. A down-to-earth attitude about your daily affairs is required; don't get too lofty.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You may not be as practical as you would like, but if you trust

a close friend to steer you in the right direction you can avoid any major pitfalls.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Relationship issues prevail, and don't shy away of a situation that looks to everyone concerned to be more complicated than it really is.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Stick to what you know; avoid experimentation in areas that demand more of an open mind than you're willing to maintain.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) What you want and what you need may prove to be one and the same — especially where matters of the heart are concerned.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) While others are being vague, obtuse, and even dishonest or hypocritical, you can win great praise simply by speaking your mind openly and honestly.

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